



Montgomery County Council

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COUNCILMEMBER DENIS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED BELTWAY WIDENING

"I'm very troubled by the proposed solution, contained in the Go Montgomery proposal, to widen the Beltway for HOV lanes. Widening the beltway would have substantial neighborhood and environmental impacts and is not in our Master Plans.

"I'm concerned about the impact widening will have on established communities along the Beltway.

"The environmental concerns in the area of Rock Creek go back to the original plans for the Beltway - and is part of the reason for the "Rock Creek Roller-coaster".

"As I've made clear, I support the hybrid purple line which provides a Metrorail connection from Grosvenor to Wheaton that would give commuters an alternative to the Beltway. "I also support the Inter-County Connector that is in our County Master Plans that can provide relief to east-west traffic between I-270 and I-95."

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